

POLICY BASED ACCOUNTING AND BILLING FOR NETWORK SERVICES

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Abstract

10 A system and method are disclosed for policy based accounting and billing for network services. In one embodiment, a packet forwarding device receives a packet to be forwarded over the network, accesses a policy table to identify a billing party associated with the packet, obtains billing information, and stores a record of the forwarded packet and the associated billing party.